

Shelfords Scrapbook 1897 to 1990

Facts, Features and (occasional) Fallacies
relating to
Great & Little Shelford
reported in Cambridge Newspapers
summarised by

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1897 04 29

At Cambridge County Court Alfred Whitmee, circus proprietor said he visited Shelford with his circus in the autumn of 1896. On the Monday it was a rough day and he could not get the tent up. The month of October was an unfortunate one for him. He owed 30s.(shillings) at Histon and about 7s at Trumpington. He had arranged to start for Sawston but was told he could not take anything away until £2.0.6 was paid for lodging his horses.

1897 05 27

Circus case at Shelford, p3

1897 09 17

The wheat farmers of the Eastern Counties are invited to discard the cultivation of grain for the growth of flax. It is claimed that flax will yield a much greater return per acre than wheat. Flax and hemp straw should be received from the farmers as grown and the fibres manufactured by The English Fibres Industries Company who have just revived the flax mills at Great Shelford and at Long Melford in Suffolk, which had been closed

1898 05 28

Seven labourers were summoned for "tin kettling in Great Shelford. PC Chater said they were banging tins and trays, and such things, as well as shouting and yelling at a lady. Two of them had pails half full of tar which they used for burning the woman in effigy. This entertainment continued for about two hours. The woman said: "My husband won't part with his money, and that's why I left him." The magistrate: "What is your husband's name?" - "I don't know what his name is. I never took the trouble to remember his nasty name". Defendants were fined 2s.6d each.

1898 07 22

The annual show of flowers, fruit, needlework, etc open to Shelford and the neighbouring villages, was held yesterday in the grounds of Mr Carter Jonas' residence at Great Shelford. The Cambridge University volunteer band played during the afternoon and evening. During the latter part of the day the grounds became an unusually lively scene, a large number of visitors coming in from Cambridge and the villages in the vicinity. The attractions included a May-pole demonstration by the children of Whittlesford be School, and all the usual paraphernalia of swings, cocoa-nut shies, shooting galleries and steam horses.

1898 09 17

Shelford undertaker failure – Goat, p3

1899 08 11

It is possible there are people just now in Cambridge who are cross with the fate which compels them to stay in the town while their friends at making merry in popular holiday resorts or rusticating deep in the heart of the country. Let them consider what a delightful place Cambridge is in the Long Vacation. They have the river all to themselves, they can row on it, fish in it, bathe in it. The Omnibus Company has materially enhanced the attractions of summer by instituting a series of drives to places of interest. The Company have provide a set of excellently appointed brakes and in a brake and large wagonette a party of 50 persons drove to Trumpington, on to Newton and Whittlesford where there was a stay of half an hour. The drive then resumed through Shelford back to Cambridge. The fare was just one shilling a head. It is right that this enterprise should be so successful

1899 11 25

The London Scottish Rifle Volunteers arrived in Cambridge for the purpose of engaging with the University Volunteer Corps in certain field operations. The idea was for the Scots to gain an entrance

to Cambridge. The University Volunteers marched in the direction of Shelford, where they expected to meet the attacking force. The opposing forces formed up at Caius College Farm and then proceeded via Hills Road to Cambridge.

1899 11 27

Following their manoeuvres at Shelford the London Scottish Rifle Volunteers had a further engagement with the University corps in the vicinity of Caius Farm, near the Gog Magogs. The Scots marched out to occupy the farm and were reinforced at Fulbourn by a company of the Newmarket Suffolk Volunteers. The actual firing operations began at 2.45. The farm having been taken the defending and attacking forces were formed up in line and the march home was begun, the Scottish pipers leading the way

1900 02 05

Cambridge Adverting Company reported that the hoarding in Victoria Road, Chesterton was in course of enlargement and one at Shelford has recently been enlarged to meet the demand for country posters. An additional hoarding has been secured at the Traveller's Rest, Huntingdon road, and is open to still further enlargement. The secretary and foreman billposter had been most attentive to their duties

1900 08 25

William Lloyd of Gt Shelford applied for the removal of the licence of the Peacock beerhouse, which had been pulled down, to a house, newly erected, on another site. A fire had taken place in a cottage which adjoined the house with the result that the west end of the beerhouse fell in. But Mr Vinter put in a petition signed by over 30 residents. There are eight licensed houses in the parish and one, the Black Swan was within 33 yards of the new house. Shelford was becoming more a residential place than in former years & if the licence were not granted it would increase the value of the land for residential purposes. But three-fourths of the people who had signed kept their own cellars & not one of the persons who would frequent the house had signed the petition. The licence was granted

1902 08 06

Popular Country Drives. The "Alexandra" and "Coronation" char-a-bancs will leave Cambridge Market Hill on Wednesday for Shelford, Newton and Whittlesford; return fare 1s. Thursday special drive to Royston, Friday Haslingfield and Saturday Earith bridge. Special Sunday drive to Whittlesford Bridge pleasure gardens. H. Buck, jobmaster, Crown Inn, Jesus Lane, Cambridge – advert

1902 10 18

Oliver St John of the Phoenix Brewery, Little Shelford, brewer trading as Saunders and Co applied for discharge from bankruptcy. In 1887 he had started as a brewer in Whittlesford, purchasing the business as a going concern. In 1892 he left, having lost the whole of his capital and became tenant of a brewery at Lt Shelford, borrowing from his brother. In 1892 he gave a bill of sale in favour of his brother for the plant, barrels and effects but next year was pressed by other creditors.

1903 01 21

An inquest was held on the body of a railway locomotive fireman. The engine driver said he was driving a train from Peterborough to London, passing through Shelford. The deceased had fired up at Shepreth Junction. On approaching Shelford bridge he saw deceased standing on the engine side of the tender raking coal towards him. That was the last time he saw him. He looked forward to watch the signals and first missed the fireman when approaching Sawston siding. If he had seen his mate fall he would have stopped at once. The body was found on line near the bridge

1903 05 21

The Cambridge Telephone Committee reported that the mass of existing telephone subscribers lie grouped in the centre; the number of existing lines belonging to the National Telephone Company does not exceed 450 in Cambridge and 20 in Shelford. They would provide for 600 lines with poles

for 600 more. Wires would be put underground and out of sight. The Council should apply for a licence to work a telephone system of their own with modern instruments

1903 11 13

Another shooting outrage has occurred when two shots were fired through the bedroom window of a labourer and his wife in London Road, Great Shelford. They looked out of the window and saw a man on a bicycle with another man in a trailer attached. Pistol shot holes were found bored through the windows of the front sitting-room and the impression of a bullet on the wall is observable, but the bullet has not been found. The police have traversed long distances at night on a motor car in their search for the modern Dick Turpin and are keeping watch on places likely to be frequented by wanderers.

1904 01 23

Shelford railway guard killed, p3

1904 03 09

Shelford baby body, p3

1904 03 12

Shelford inquest, p4

1904 09 19

Shelford resisters, p4

1905 03 24

Alderman Hurrell called attention to the decision of the Education Committee to close Stapleford Council School and accommodate the scholars at Shelford. As this was a mile and a quarter distant the children would have to walk five miles a day or take their dinners with them. It was not all sunshine in the winter months when children aged from three to five would have to get up at 7.30 and tramp away through slush and snow. But there were 98 schools in the county with an average attendance of less than 100 and if every little school was to be kept alive it would mean high rates 05 03 24c-d

1905 07 20

Sir – Great Shelford Parish Council have agreed at a meeting where ratepayers were poorly represented to purchase land for a recreation ground at a cost of £600. I believe slips of paper should have been left at every house on which the occupants could have given their vote about adding this extra rate upon the already over-burdened ratepayer. The owner of the land was deeply interested in the scheme and would have presented it to the parish if he had been approached – John Raymen 05 07 20a

1906 01 22

Shelford meeting, p3

1906 01 26

Shelford council school, p4 *

1906 03 10

The Red Cow, Landbeach, sold half a barrel and six dozen bottles of beer a week. A share-out club with 65 members met there fortnightly. Within 760 paces there were 47 private houses and four licensed pubs. The British Queen, with better accommodation, was nearby. The population of the village was 413 and allowing for 78 school children, there was a licensed house to every 67 adults. There were cottages at the back which provided facilities for secret drinking, especially as the house stood back 15 yards from the road. But the landlord was a teetotalter who did not encourage this.

Also: Carrier's Cart Shelford, Haunch of Mutton & Plough & Horses Waterbeach, Rose & Crown Willingham, Hare & Hounds Over, Dolphin Stapleford, 06 03 10c & d

1906 06 30

Fourteen public houses have been closed under the Licensing Act of 1904. They include a beer house at Heath Road Litlington, which sold one barrel a week, including stout, and a gallon of ginger wine. All their beer was made from pure malt and hops and it was a better house than the two nearest to it. There were four fully-licensed houses, four beer houses and one off-licence in the village. The Dolphin at Stapleford had been shut up for six weeks as the former landlord had run away and the village appeared to do well without it. The present tenant was a cycle agent and taxidermist as well, 'So you stuff people first and put them on wheels afterwards?' also Cambridge: Jolly Butchers, Star, Sun; Bassingbourn: Crown; Bottisham: Plough; Comberton: Plough; Fordham: Six Bells, Landbeach: Red Cow; Lt Shelford: Carrier's Cart; Stapleford: Dolphin; Steeple Morden: beer house; Waterbeach: Haunch of Mutton, Plough and Horses; Willingham: William IV, Rose and Crown 06 06 30d,e, f

1906 09 07

Mr A.P. McAlister of Cambridge and Shelford has been granted a patent for a fire grate of an improved type which abolishes the possibility of discomfort. The fire rests on a grating with an ashpan underneath which can be easily lifted out to empty the contents. Laurie & McConnal have been appointed local agents for the grate which has been fitted in many of the larger houses of the town. 06 09 07

1906 11 16

The Compensation Authority considered claims for premises closed under the Licensing Act. They included a beerhouse at North Brook End, Steeple Morden, The Plough at Comberton, the Red Cow, Landbeach and Carrier's Cart at Lt Shelford. Potton Brewery said they would lose £275 if the licence of a beerhouse at Heath Road, Litlington was taken away but accepted £240 as compensation. However Benskin's Watford Brewery refused £251 for the Sun in Newmarket Road, Cambridge. also Stapleford Dolphin, Waterbeach Haunch of Mutton & Plough & Horses, Sawston – Flower Pot, Willingham – King William IV, Bottisham Plough, Soham Queen's Arms and Old Brewery 06 11 16a & b

1907 03 12

The Green Man at Harston consisted of a tap room, bar, parlour, three bedrooms and small kitchen. It sold half a barrel of draught beer, a dozen bottles of beer and one gallon of spirits a week. There was a club-room in the back yard but few members attended. The stables and outbuildings were in bad repair. There were five licenced houses within 615 paces, including the Coach and Horses, Swan and Pemberton Arms Also Three Horse Shoes, Lt Shelford, Duke of Cumberland Over and Milkmaid Willingham 07 03 12a & b

1907 03 22

Exciting scenes were witnessed at Shelford where two cottages close by the railway line were gutted. The discovery synchronised with the passing of the G.E.R. express and it is thought a spark from the engine alighted upon the thatched roof. In the absence of any fire appliance helpers concentrated on removing the furniture and every article, with the exception of the iron bedsteads, was carried to a place of safety. 07 03 22

1907 04 27

It is alleged that Hobson's Stream is being 'tapped' by some unauthorised body and the supply of water for public purposes is fast diminishing. Not so. To restore its former volume it simply needs flushing. Water comes from Shelford to the conduit in as plentiful a supply as ever but it is many years since the pipe which feeds the Market Hill fountain was adequately flushed and an accumulation of rubbish prevents it receiving the amount of water it should. There is some difficulty in deciding whether the town council or the Hobson's Charity are responsible, but the cost would not exceed £5. 07 04 27

1907 06 29

The Milkmaid was one of 13 licenced houses in Willingham and they could do away with half of them, magistrates were told. But there were 100 acres of market gardens all round where a great many men and girls were constantly employed and some came to the house for lunch. The trade had increased since the King William was closed and now did over a barrel a week. Also: Marquis of Granby, Woodman's Arms, Claremont, Golden Fleece; Swaffham Prior Anchor, Harston Green Man, Lt Shelford Three Horseshoes, Over Duke of Cumberland, Willingham Milkmaid - details, Isleham Bell, Fen Ditton Pike & Eel. Bassingbourn Tally Ho,

1907 12 17

Hauxton School should be closed to children who have passed the third standard and they must attend Shelford or Harston schools, the Education authority decided in the interests of economy. But parents objected and eight were summoned for not sending their children to school. It meant a walk of a mile-and-a-half, they would get wet and sit in wet things all day as there was no chance of drying them. But the entire school population of Wood Ditton, Croxton and Eltisley had to walk that distance.

1908 02 07

The Hauxton school controversy was the subject of a public inquiry: it has been closed to older children who have to attend Harston or Shelford schools. Parents have refused to do this and a number of prosecutions have been instituted. Now they have employed a lawyer. The school was built for all standards but now it was likely the average attendance would fall and the council would close it completely. One mother said it was desirable a child should be allowed to go to school when it was four years old. 08 02 07 i & j.

1908 02 15

Some excitement was caused in Fulbourn by the descent of a large balloon with two aeronauts on board. Coming from the direction of Shelford it passed over the golf course and dropped into a field. The aerial travellers – one an old Trinity Hall man – said they left London at noon with Cambridge as their objective. The balloon was deflated and packed on a cart ready for the return journey per Great Eastern Railway. 08 02 15d

1909 02 26

A lecture on farming in Canada, illustrated by a magic lantern, was given in Great Shelford by Mr Swain from Manitoba. Everything was done by machinery and labour was not so laborious as in England. It was only 4 ½ days from England – just like taking a walk. The accommodation in crossing the Atlantic was immense, even the third-class passengers enjoyed all manner of games. They should not confuse Canada with America. They belonged to England and they were loyal (applause) CWN 09 02 26

1909 12 03

The Ortona Motor Bus Company, whose enterprise has proved such a boon in Cambridge and Chesterton, intend to commence a service to Sawston via Trumpington, Shelford and Stapleford. A fine new Maudsley bus has been obtained which will do the full journey in 50 minutes. Parcels as well as passengers will be carried. CWN 09 12 03

1910 01 28

The General Election has been one of the keenest on record and it is with a feeling of relief that one realises the struggle is over. A number of election hoaxes have been perpetrated: rumours were circulated that a conflict had taken place between police and crowds at Cambridge and that the Riot Act had been read at St Ives. At Great Shelford a false result was announced before the counting was even finished. The whole village was taken in and rejoicings on quite an extensive scale were started. 10 01 28 b & c

1910 01 07

General election – Barrington, Shelford – 10 01 07a

1910 02 04

Since the Ortona Bus Company was established in Cambridge they have done much towards linking up the station and the town with outlying suburbs. A few weeks ago they commenced a service of motor 'buses to Trumpington, Shelford and Sawston and have now inaugurated another to Histon and Cottenham which has been well patronised by passengers 10 02 04m

1910 03 18

Licensing meeting – Over Sow & Pig, Willingham Black Horse, Chesterton White Horse, Comberton Red Lion, Cottenham Boot, Longstanton Red Cow, Milton Three Tuns, Shelford Three Tuns 10 03 18b

1910 03 25

Two London youths were charged with stealing and receiving cycles. A clerk in the booking office at Shelford station said one lad had come in with a cycle which he had sent to London by the 2.14 train. It had been collected from St Pancras station next morning and taken to a pawnbroker who was suspicious and informed a detective. The lad confessed: "Me and Wilson went to Cambridge on Saturday and stole two. We rode over to Shelford and booked them to London then walked back to Cambridge and I got another one" 10 03 25c

1910 07 01

Licences for: Bassingbourn Beerhouse in the fen, Meldreth Green Man, Fulbourn Coach & Horses, Chesterton White Horse, Cottenham Boot, Fen Drayton Horse & Gate, Longstanton Red Cow, Milton Three Tuns, Shelford King William IV, Shudy Camps Chequers, Linton George & Dragon. Cambridge Star & Garter Petty Cury, Cardinal's Cap, Crown & Anchor, Borough Boys, Ship, Merry Boys, Prince Albert, Oxford – all refused. Melbourn White Lion & Swavesey Little Rose renewed 10 07 01 & a

1910 07 09

On Saturday an Oakington farmer lost a flock of 83 sheep but, like Little Bo-Peep, he left them alone and hoped they would come home. Then on Sunday he hired a motor car and scoured the country visiting Bottisham, Newmarket, Shelford and other places too numerous to mention. At length discouraged and with the petrol tank running low, he turned towards home and when nearing the Five Bells on the Huntingdon Road espied them in front of him. Had the farmer only had the faith of Miss Bo Peep he would have saved himself a long motor ride. 10 07 09g

1910 07 15

The Master of the University Draghounds was accused by the RSPCA of abusing a hind. The keeper's house at Shelford Crossing is surrounded by a wooden palisade and the animal made its way into the yard. The men used poles and brooms to drive it out and flicked it with whips. Eventually it was dislodged, only to go back again. It finally left in so exhausted a condition that it fell down and died. 10 07 15

1910 11 25

The late Mr Alfred Simper was a well-known rope-maker who formerly carried on business at Great Shelford. For the past 21 years he lived at Rope Walk, New Street and visited all the markets around Cambridge. He had a stall in the Corn Exchange for 20 years and was highly respected by all with whom he came in contact. Mr Simper was a prominent Christadelphian and the funeral service was conducted according to the custom of the Christadelphian community by Dr W.J. Young of Harston. 10 11 25f

1911 03 03

A dental institute in connection with Stapleford Council School would cost £100 for the initial equipment and the dentist's fee. A similar scheme in Cambridge had been one of the best pieces of work done for the sake of children. It was a good thing to see to children's teeth but if they did it for one school it must be done all round, which would mean a great expense. Councillors agreed to pay £25 for equipment provided children attending Shelford School were included in the scheme 11 03 03a

1911 03 03

Hauxton Council School had 59 children on the books, which was too many for the space in which they were able to do their lessons. But six came from Shelford parish and there were seven under the age of five. If the managers excluded these, there would be sufficient room. The problem was due to the bad arrangement of the large room and Councillor Hurrell did not see why the parish should be asked to build a new school. Nor had the owner of the school, the Vicar, been approached with a view to enlarging it. The county should consider purchasing it from him. 11 03 03b

1911 05 19

Lt Shelford political meeting pelted – 11 05 19g

1911 09 08

Shelford sports – 11 09 08e

1912 01 19

Telephonic communication between the police-station and certain police-officers' houses was discussed. Some police houses were simply hired in an ordinary manner and they might have to move the telephone when a new policeman came to a village and took a different house to his predecessor. At Shelford the call office was only about 20 yards from the constable's house, but you couldn't call him. The Chief Constable said he didn't want a constable sitting in the house waiting to be called. His business is to be outside, looking after the property in the village. 12 01 19

1912 02 23

The funeral of Canon John William Cockshott was held at Burwell. After leaving Cambridge University he'd hoped never to return to the fens but was called to the curacy of Soham. From there he went to Burwell where he established the Mission Church. He built a school at Reach, which has since been consecrated, and also restored the church at Landwade. In 1885 he was appointed vicar of Stretham where he remained until 1906 when he felt unable to fulfil his duties to his satisfaction. On his retirement he went to live at Shelford where he did active pastoral work. 12 02 23a

1912 07 26

Shelford & Stapleford dental clinic report – 12 07 26m

1913 04 04

Congregational union – villages, Burwell, Castle Camps, Chatteris, Eversden, Fordham, Whittlesey, Balsham, West Wrating. Cheveley, Shelford, Six Mile Bottom

1913 05 30

Suffragettes attempted to blow up a railway crossing gate at Granhams Road, Shelford. The gatekeeper found a treacle tin with a bootlace through the lid connecting with a long red squib inside. It was surrounded by cotton wool soaked in oil and lumps of charcoal. On the outside was written 'Votes for Women'. There is little doubt it was a genuine article that could have set fire to the gate had the lighted lace not gone out. It was immersed in a bucket of water. Rumours said that two strange women had been seen near the site 13 05 30 p11 CIP

1913 08 29

Shelford sports

1913 09 05

Shelford corn & coal summons

1913 09 12

Shelford horkey supper

1913 11 14

An undergraduate told the court that he was a relative of the Khedive of Egypt and living at Shelford with a private tutor. He told his valet to get tickets for the New Theatre. But when refused admission he'd got involved in a struggle with an attendant and fell to the ground. The manager said he'd been drunk and had used bad language. But this was a serious matter from a moral point of view and would affect his career here and in his own country if upheld. He was convicted. 13 11 14 p10

1914 01 16

Mr. Hamer Towgood. During the week, agriculture has sustained a severe loss by the death of Mr. Hamer Towgood of Sanfoins. Little Shelford, and the tidings of the demise of this prominent breeder of shire horses will be received with general regret in the agricultural counties of England. A son of Mr. Edward Towgood, of Paxton Hall, St. Neots, the deceased gentleman took up residence at Sanfoins about 50 years ago. On the death of his father, he inherited a considerable interest in the Sawston paper mills, and for a long period he controlled this business. Agriculture, however, made a strong appeal to him, and he devoted; much of his time to the study of shire horses, and to the breeding of first-class animals. As judge, prize donor or exhibitor, Mr. Hamer Towgood was known to agricultural societies throughout the country, and the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Agricultural Society, of which he was a Vice-President and a generous supporter, has lost a great friend by reason of his death. The deceased gentleman was one of the original members of the Cambridgeshire County Council, representing the Sawston electoral division until his resignation in 1900. He was 71. 14 01 16

1914 06 05

Death of Mr. J. H. B. Maris. The inhabitants of Duxford, and friends in a much wider area heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. J. H. B. Maris, J.P., on Monday, aged 74. The greater part of his life was spent in Duxford. He was descended from an old Cambridgeshire family, many of his ancestors being associated with Shelford. In his earlier life he was a farmer and corn merchant, and his business brought him into contact with a large number of those who attended the Cambridge and Bishops Stortford markets. For the last 18 years, I however, he had practically retired from business but he continued to devote a large portion of his time to public business and religious work. He was an Alderman of the Cambs. County Council for 12 years, sat as a County Magistrate at Linton, and was Chairman of the Duxford Parish Council. He was President of the Duxford and District Liberal Association, a member of the Duxford Congregational Church for 54 years and a deacon there for 40 years. 14 06 05 CIPof

1914 07 17

Flower shows, Sawston, Coton, Shelford, Haslingfield

1914 07 17

101 Years Old.—In a little cottage, situated on the Cambridge Road close to the Great Northern Railway Bridge, Great Shelford, there lives today a wonderful old lady. Mrs. Mary Ann Moor, a native of Cambridge, but who has spent very many years at Shelford, celebrated her 101st birthday on Tuesday. She is, unfortunately, suffering from a fractured shoulder and this has necessitated her spending her birthday in her bedroom For all this she was cheerful, chatted with her friends, helped to eat her birthday cake, enjoyed some fruit and partook of a glass of port in celebration of the event. —

1914 07 17

1914 07 24

Large Eggs. A hen, the property of Mr. W. Housden (Gt. Shelford) has laid some large eggs of late. One last week weighed 4½ ozs. and measured 7 in. round. Another, laid the following day, weighed 320ZS- and measured 6½ ins. round. – 1914 07 24

1914 09 04

Recruiting Royston, Shelford, Bourn, Wicken, Soham, Gamlingay

1914 09 25

Fire. In the early hours of Wednesday morning a fire broke out at the house occupied by Mr. W. Lane in Chapel Yard, Great Shelford. Considerable damage was done, one side of the kitchen being burnt out. But for the efforts of Mr. Whitechurch and Mr V Brunning the whole block of ten houses would have been razed to the ground. It is supposed that the fire was caused by a beam catching fire in the chimney.

1914 10 23

Casualties – Bottisham, Gt Shelford

1914 10 30

The dentist of the Stapleford & Sawston clinic said that at Stapleford, where the children were re-inspected annually, no teeth were found to be unsaveable. But at Shelford, where work had been interrupted for a year, some children had teeth so decayed as to be beyond saving. This emphasises the importance of annual inspections. Only one treatment was refused at Stapleford where there is no charge, but at Shelford, where payment is sought, treatment was refused for 25 out of 82 children for whom it was advised.

1914 11 20

People in Shelford and Stapleford are worried about mysterious lights shining on the Gogs and are concerned that there are spies. But Dr Henry Bond says the light came from his house. There is concrete in the foundations and the removal of the house might provide a base from which a German gun could demolish King's College chapel. He admits he speaks German and has had holidays there. But he is not a spy and honest folk are quite safe. However given the present alarm nobody who has electric light in his house, a bottle of German wine in his cellar, or worse of all (like our Royal Family) German blood in his veins, will be safe. 14 11 20

1914 11 20

Lt Shelford fire 'Sainfoin'

1914 12 18

Shelford Man Wounded. Pte. Robert Dean returned to his home at Gt. Shelford on Tuesday from the front, being wounded in both legs. His mother had not heard from him for 15 months and did not know he had rejoined his regiment. Pte. Dean was abroad at the outbreak of the war, and returned to England and re-enlisted. He was amongst the Second Division to go to France. His brother. Sgt. Fred Dean, of the A.S.C., was quite well at the time of writing.

1915 08 06

Photos of fallen soldiers: G.D. Salmon, Wisbech; G.C. Coote, Foxton; Capt R.E. Sindall, Cambridge; A.J. Coote, Barrington; L. Tuck; L/C Ryder; B. Rolph; S. Trotman; A.D. McPherson; H.H. Bendall; E.C. Colchester, Shelford; R.N. Bendyshe, Barrington; Capt Tebbutt; Hodson; W.J. Blane; E. Freeman; B. Carter, Bourn; Dunnett; - 15 08 06a A.E. Seagrott; E.H. Cawthrop; W.F. Taylor, Lt Shelford; W.Gee, Sawston; A. Davis, T. Kimmence; C.L. Wayman; E. Clarke, Bourn; H.C. Yorke, J.H. Caldecoat, Bourn; F.J. Gipp, Chesterton; N.W. Fielding; O.J. Goddard, Dewey; G. Pamplin, Fen Ditton; J. Wallage; Phillips; C. Richmond, Fulbourn; W.E. Jones; J.J. Mayle; L.J. Naylor; S. Phillips; R.L. Player; C. Butler – 15 08 06b

1915 08 20

Men who have distinguished themselves on battlefield

W. Ralph, Bottisham; E.T. Saint; Daldry; O.W. Parkinson; C.E. Morley, Gt Shelford; S. Freestone, Sawston; L.A. Austin; F. Potter DCM; F.J. Gatward – 15 08 20b

1915 09 10

Shelford Red Cross Hospital river trip

1915 09 17

Death Samuel Malyon, Gt Shelford, butcher, farmer & grazier

1916 01 12

Mount Blow, Gt Shelford, VAD Hospital & staff – photo – 16 01 12c

1916 02 02

Accident. An accident occurred to Mr. Ashman (Shelford), a railwayman, who, with others, was doing repairs on the G.E.R. near Haverhill. He was crushed between the brake van and the wall. He was very much hurt and is now in Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he lies in a precarious condition.

1916 03 01

Miraculous Escape. — Among the passengers on the P and O liner Maloja which was mined between Folkestone and Dover on Sunday morning and went down with a loss of about 150 lives was Miss Lily Dockerill daughter of Mr. Walter Dockerill, Little Shelford. Miss Dockerill had a marvellous escape and her parents were greatly relieved on Tuesday to hear of her safety. She was on her way to Bombay to be married and among her luggage, which has been entirely lost was the whole of her wedding trousseau and presents.

1916 03 22

John Clay, University printer. Lord of Manor of Lt Shelford – obituary – 16 03 22d

1916 03 29

March blizzards. Following two delightful spring days, another extraordinary spell of rough wintry weather set in at Cambridge on Monday evening. The wind, which had been boisterous during the day, developed into a heavy gale, accompanied by snow. A good deal of damage was done to telegraph and telephone wires in various parts of the county, and communication with London and other parts was interrupted. Telegraph posts on the Trumpington Road, Shelford Road and Huntingdon Road were blown down, whilst on the Histon Road were blown down just beyond Cambridge. Several trees were uprooted and the mail cart from Cambridge to St. Ives was delayed for a time owing to obstructions on the road. On Tuesday morning the ground was covered with snow. Trains were late owing to wires being down. Rain set in during the day, but towards the close of the afternoon this turned to snow. The wind, too, increased in violence until it was blowing quite a hurricane. Huge trees gave way before the violence of the wind, chimney pots and slates came crashing down, whilst many fences collapsed. The Corporation workmen had to be called out to assist in clearing away fallen trees, and to assist the police in warning vehicles. Several pedestrians had narrow escapes. Among the many trees which fell was the famous plane tree in the Catholic Rectory grounds, which has been visited by arboriculturists from all over the world.

1916 04 05

Shelford Damage. The great blizzard last week did an immense amount of damage in the village of Great Shelford, and neighbourhood. A number of trees were blown down. The drains had been blocked consequently the road in Sunnett's Lane has been impassable for a considerable distance, and many gardens have also been flooded. In Little Shelford over 100 trees have been laid low. The road from Whittlesford through Little Shelford was blocked by a large elm tree that stood in the garden of King's Farm. It fell across the road, obstructing the traffic. The road between the two bridges was also rendered impassable by trees, the walls and fences being damaged. In Stapleford a number of

trees were blown down; one fell on the school house, knocking in the window. A large arm of a tree belonging to Mr. Linton, Stapleford House, fell on the telegraph wires, breaking them through.

1916 05 03

Shelford VADs working on land while hospital closed – photo – 16 05 03d

1916 08 02

Another Son Lost. — Mrs. Chapman of Shelford, has received news that he son, Pte. A. Chapman (Suffolk Regiment) has been killed in action. This is the second son Mrs. Chapman, has lost during the war, and a third son is reported missing.

1916 09 06

Accident. A serious accident occurred to George Benstead, a Great Shelford lad of six years. He was walking beside a wagon in Mr. Wright's field and stumbled and fell, the wheel passing over his arm, breaking it in three places. He also hurt his ankle, the shoe being torn off his foot. Dr Magoris was called in, and sent the boy to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he is progressing slowly.

1916 10 04

Killed in action. We are pleased to say that our local casualty list is the shortest we have been able to publish for some time past, but regret to have to record the death of Lt. Edward Spearing, son of Mr. James Spearing (of the firm of Messrs. Eaden, Spearing and Raynes. solicitor, Cambridge) and Mrs. Spearing, Troodos, Great Shelford. Great sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Spearing in the loss of their only son, who promised in due course to achieve considerable success in local legal circles.

1916 11 29

Volunteers. Major Howard, O.C. 2nd Battalion. Cambs, Volunteer Regiment, visited Sawston on Sunday to inspect the local volunteers. Detachments came over from Duxford. Whittlesford, and France, Hinxton and Ickleton while Mr. F. W. Green and Sergt. Instructor Gall brought a strong contingent from Shelford. The inspection took place in Sawston Hall grounds, the number on parade being 110. Following the inspection, the Major addressed the men, and said he was very pleased with the appearance, and with the way the various movements were being carried out
Gt Shelford church reredos dedicated – 17 04 11b

1917 06 27

Death of Lt.-Col H. W. Hurrell the death occurred rather suddenly at Shelford on Wednesday of of their village. The presence of the bishop in the village was announced by a peal of welcome from the church bells.

1917 11 28

Awarded Medal. Corporal George Gifford, R.G.A., of Great Shelford, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery. A fire broke out in a gun pit which contained large quantities of ammunition, and at great risk, Corporal Gifford entered the pit, and single-handed, extinguished the flames, thus averting what, would have probably been a disastrous explosion.

1918 04 10

Shelford Man's Heroism. A tale of great heroism is told of a Shelford man, Gunner George F. Jordan, of the R.F.A. When in hospital last September, suffering from a wound in the eye, he volunteered to give 1½ pints of his blood to save a comrade's life. Gunner Jordan, who is brother to Miss G. Jordan, of The Uplands, Great Shelford, now lies in the 1/5th Northern General Hospital, Leicester.

1919 04 02

Fire. A fire, caused by some children smoking, broke out on the premises of Mr, James Dickerson, hurdle maker. Little Shelford, on Tuesday at 12.40 p.m. Mr. Bright Smith and Mr. Granville Austin (gateman at the railway station) both rendered valuable assistance and succeeded in saving a spring

cart, which, together with a four-wheel van and a quantity of straw were in a burning shed. The van, straw, and shed were destroyed

1919 04 14

Shelford VAD Hospital winding up ceremony – 19 05 14a

1920 10 13

Shelford infant welfare centre opened – 20 10 13a

1920 10 27

Method of disposal of bicycles stolen from streets disclosed at court – taken to Shelford station and sent to London - 20 10 27

1921 01 06

War memorial unveilings – Willingham, Shelford – 21 01 05, 05b, 05c

1922 02

Long-felt want supplied in Great Shelford. The hall is a converted army hut built on the public recreation ground. Great Shelford was to be congratulated in that its ex-Servicemen had joined with the Womens Friendly League to build the hall, a result which was eminently satisfactory for the village. If the ex-Service men were prepared to pull together for the places where they lived there was a great future for the county.

1922 06 22

The report of Chesterton R.D.C. Housing Committee showed numerous applications had been received for a reduction in rent of the Council houses. After discussion it was decided that the rent should be £20 per annum where the total income was 50 shillings a week or over, and £17 per annum when the income was less. The Architect reported that the final accounts for the erection of 36 houses in Comberton, Haslingfield, Horningsea, Lt Shelford and Willingham had been sanctioned by the Ministry

1923 08 24

The staff of the Cambridge division of the L. & N.E. railway gathered to show their appreciation on the retirement of Mr Frederick Harradine after nearly half a century. He entered the service in 1875 as a porter at Cambridge station and two years later became a single line pilot on the old Newmarket line. In 1880 he went to Shelford as a signalman and later transferred to Ely. Returning to Cambridge he was made a divisional inspector. One of his duties was to be in attendance after any serious mishap. He was the best known railwaymen in the division, if not on the railway.

1923 10 12

Sir, - May I draw your attention to three great points of danger in Great Shelford? One is by the war memorial, the other at Pumfreys corner and Little Shelford. To a newcomer the speed of some of the cars is most alarming. On Monday my daughter's Alsatian puppy was knocked down by a car going at great speed. I hear there were some women in the car, but can only suppose they were the thoughtless present-day variety without thought or feeling for anyone, or they would have asked the driver to stop. During the short time we have been here another dog has been killed and two men knocked down opposite the war memorial - E.S. Adutt

1924 03 30c

Although but a baby in years the Great and Little Shelford and Stapleford Amateur Sports Association has already proved itself a sturdy infant, with a promising future before it. A satisfactory state of affairs was revealed at the first annual meeting. From a small meeting of 16 people has sprung a thriving Association consisting of over 100 people.

1924 10 29c

At Fulbourn a considerable increase in the number of early voters was reported. Capt Briscoe's colours and motors were well in evidence. At Balsham a cluster of children displayed scraps of red ribbons and shouted, "Vote for Garratt". A tramp was seen addressing a road sweeper near Abington and urging, with all the persuasion of his kind, the necessity for England to return a Labour government. In the course of his oratorical effort the 'gentleman of the road' beat the air with a bag containing his worldly possessions. Shelford and Stapleford as usual made a great show of the pink and white but near the centre of the village a red flag was conspicuously displayed by the roadside – on a tar burner

1925 10 16

The handsome village hall which has been erected by the people of Little Shelford as part of their memorial to the men and women who served in the Great War was opened in the presence of a fairly large company. It has seating accommodation for over 300 persons. A stage has been provided for plays and behind is an operating box so that cinema shows can be given. A kitchen, dressing room etc are also attached. The hall was a record of the great united effort made by everybody in the village, men and women, young and old, for King and Country & was inspired by the same spirit of unity that had won the war.

1926 11 20

The County Agricultural Organiser gave an interesting lecture on the destruction of rats at Lt Shelford village hall. People did not pay enough attention to the rat menace. There were far too many rats about Cambridge for his liking and if they held a Little Shelford Rat Week it would do a world of good. Everybody should kill rats whenever they got the change. If each person killed one a week it would be doing some good.

1927 01 18

H.L. Hughes spoke on how town planning could be improved. The last 100 years have seen an enormous increase in population and as a result town planning if not a problem for the future but more for the immediate present. The traffic, the sewers, the gas or electricity all have to be thought of. There are roads from the foot of the Gogs to Shelford and Stapleford which only contain one or two houses along them. Buses may pass the door but one has to go miles for a doctor, a church or a school. In a few years' time people will not live in such places and these houses will be left to fall down and spoil the approach to the town

1927 04 18

An inquest returned that a Lt Shelford woman found in a well had committed suicide while of unsound mind following an attack of influenza. She had had two lapses of memory. A month ago she had lost her memory for a day and "woke up" in the evening and found her way home after the people in the village had been looking for her all day. Then she had gone to the butcher's but did not arrive and woke up to find herself in the main road in the dark eight miles from home. On Friday they noticed the lid of the well was open and looking down they saw her with her head under the water.

1927 06 27

An inspection of the River Rhee from Guilden Morden to Cambridge showed banks were much overgrown and a number of trees had fallen into the stream. There was only one foot of water in the river in places. There are two mills in use, at Guilden Morden and Grantchester. One at Harston had not been used for a year and at Barrington no work had been possible for some years and the channel was blocked up. The river at Shelford was in a most dilapidated state

1927 12 02

Shelford Amateur Sports Association held their boxing competition in the Village Hall when the building was packed to its utmost capacity. The best fight of the evening was that between A.C. Manser (RAF) and C. Stubbings (C.A.B.C.), both men fighting the whole bout without easing for a

moment. Manser, despite the handicap of a cut eye, gamely stuck to his task and was warmly applauded for his spirited show when Stubbings was awarded a well-deserved decision.

1928 08 16

Mr J.M. Barr of Wisconsin, an American beekeeper of great repute was the guest at the apiary established at Manor Farm, Lt Shelford. Several patterns of hives were shown, including one of an American type and here Mr Barr, in trying to pick up a bee from the alighting board received a sting. His host, Mr Clay had to apologise for the unfriendly reception accorded to the distinguished foreigner. The company then adjourned to tea in the garden room, a spacious verandah which just accommodated the whole party of 30 people.

1929 01 30

Cambridge Preservation Society wishes to prevent any repetition of the disfigurement of the country as has taken place around the Shelford Road. They felt that at all costs the pleasant road to Madingley and the view from the Hill should be secured. Finding the danger was acute they decided to direct whatever funds were available to this end. They have bought about 380 acres of land but built up a considerable debt that must be repaid.

1929 02 25

A disastrous fire occurred the Hall, Little Shelford in the early hours of Sunday morning with the result that the building was almost completely gutted. It was discovered by Mme Carne, the governess who with the butler and the maid were immediately above the fire. Captain and Mrs Gordon Dill removed their children to safety in the Lodge. While waiting for the fire brigade, which was delayed owing to the terribly thick fog, the occupants attempted to subdue the outbreak, then confined to the pantry, with buckets of water. But the heat melted a lead pipe and the cistern emptied so water had to be fetched from a cottage about 30 yards away. The building is 71 years old being erected in the grounds of the old Hall which was pulled down in 1858.

1929 04 01

Four cottages, barn and outhouses gutted at Willingham; big blaze at Teversham; week-end blazes at Lt Shelford and Kneesworth – CDN 1.4.1929

1931 10 16

An Inquiry opened into plans to expand Cambridge's boundaries. It was the centre for education, shopping and amusement for adjacent villages where people were still dependent on cesspools: these would be provided with a sewerage system. Less than 500 acres were available for building because of the attitude of certain colleges, but it was undesirable that Cambridge should be filled up as if it were a manufacturing town. Most of the new houses in Shelford and Trumpington were of the working-class type. 31 10 16d

1931 12 04

A tramp was charged with setting fire to a stack of hay at Great Shelford. Frederick Pell, a fish salesman, said he served a customer in Granham's Road and cycled towards Cambridge when he saw a man standing beside the stack. On arriving home he saw a fire so he biked back and found it was in that same stack. He attended an identification parade and picked out the man he'd seen. 31 12 04c & d

1932 01 28

The Sanitary Inspector said that seven cottages at Hauxton Road, Little Shelford, were in a very bad state of repair and nothing had been done to them since August 1927. Notice of a closing order had been served and all the tenants with the exception of one man vacated the property. The owner did not deny the houses were unfit and past repair and there was no alternative to a demolition order. 32 01 28

1932 04 06

Canon Cockshott has worked for the church for 60 years, choir, mother's meetings, Stretham retire Shelford – 32 04 06a

1932 07 22

Tobacco-growing in this country has been crushed by absurd laws but pipe and cigarette tobacco could be grown on Cambridgeshire allotments – Shelford alone could produce many tons of cured leaf. It could be a more profitable industry than sugar beet with a factory in Cambridge providing employment. Mr J. Burn-Murdoch will show samples of his home-grown tobacco at Shelford Horticultural Show together with specimens of cigarettes manufactured in England. 32 07 22b

1933 05 20

Royal horse trainer, Richard Marsh, dies at Shelford – 33 05 20

1934 02 06

Theft at Shelford church – 34 02 06

1934 04 03

The Mayor and councillors performed the ceremony of ‘beating the bounds’ to mark the addition of additional areas to the Borough. They began at the east end of the cemetery grounds on Newmarket Road then toured Cherry Hinton before moving on to Trumpington where the new boundary begins on the town side of Long Road. Here the Mayor cut a light-blue silk ribbon before formally stepping into the new territory. Then after visiting the boundary a quarter of a mile beyond the L.M.S. railway bridge on the Shelford Road they were entertained to tea. 34 04 03

1935 01 12

We felt customers would like to know something about our dairy. Our cows graze on our fields at Chesterton, Trumpington, Cherry Hinton and Shelford Bottom, the finest pasture in the county. They are thoroughly groomed and their udders washed before being milked using electrical apparatus at our Abbey Street premises. The milk is cooled and bottled without being touched by hand, then kept in a cold storage chamber before delivery. The cream is separated daily. We guarantee early delivery twice daily to all parts of town. Arnold Brothers (established over 75 years), Abbey Street, Cambridge –advertisement. 35 01 12a & b # c.27

1935 12 28

Mr William Macintosh, a member of the Cambridge firm of ironmongers, died following an accident at Graham’s crossing. The express train stopped in Shelford station for five minutes after the accident. In another incident a passenger train from Peterborough to Cambridge was delayed when it ran through the gates at Dimmock’s Crossing near Stretham and smashed them. Fortunately no passenger or member of the train crew was injured. The debris was cleared quickly enough not to affect the other trains on the line 35 12 28

1936 01 03

Proposals to establish a greyhound racing track at Caxton or any part of the rural district could injure the amenities of the area, councillors decided. But Mr Pease said there was already a track at Teversham and if the residents of Histon rose up and said they wanted a track to make life more interesting there, they should not object to it. The conversion of The Elms, Great Shelford, into a country club was also opposed as the land was zoned for eight houses per acre 36 01 03b

1936 12 08

The draft Cambridge town planning scheme would see the construction of bridges and closure of the level crossings at Histon and Shelford with footbridges for pedestrians. The line of the Ring Road from Huntingdon Road to Shelford was agreed and the difficult question of the aerodrome settled. 36 12 08

1937 01 09

The Blue Book Directory of Cambridge, published by the St Tibbs Press, comprises not only streets, trades and names of residents but also a wealth of information and a portrait gallery of our civic fathers (and mothers). An endeavour was made in 1936 to cover the immediate environs, including

Shelford, Sawston, Milton and Grantchester. Now it has been enlarged to bring in Girton and Cottenham together with details concerning new or extended streets on the outskirts of the borough. It is extraordinary good value for five shillings. 37 01 09a

1937 05 20

Chesterton RDC told an inspector that the parishes of Histon, Impington and Girton together with Shelford and Stapleford were provided with a piped water supply but were entirely unsewered, although some properties were connected to surface water drains that discharged into watercourses passing through the inhabited parts of the parishes. The development of building estates had given rise to cess-pool areas of considerable magnitude with the danger of pollution of the sub-soil. The pumping plants would be electrically driven and would not spoil the appearance of the countryside, there would be no smell unless one broke down. But nearby house owners claimed they might have an effect on the value of properties 37 05 20 & a

1937 07 10

The B.S.A. Company's offer of a brand new bicycle to Britain's oldest woman cyclist has brought several responses. Mrs Mortimer of Chedworth Street is 63; she has ridden a cycle since she was 10 and has toured Ireland, Scotland and much of England on it. Mrs F. Plumb of Gt Shelford is 68 and delivers fruit grown in her garden to Cambridge every day. But the oldest so far is Mrs Cross of Brookside, Toft, who was born at Tydd St Mary's in 1856 and still rides regularly. 37 07 10a

1937 08 14

More ladies have come forward in the search for Britain's oldest women cyclists. Mrs Cross of Toft (81) still rides her ordinary lady's bike regularly while Annie Long of Withersfield (75) has a machine she bought in 1898. Mrs N. Plint of Gt Shelford rides into Cambridge each day to deliver fruit grown in her garden & Mrs H. Ball of Staploe (68) also bikes five miles a day to work. Mrs L.M. Mortimer (63) of Chedworth Street is one of the most consistent riders, having done thousands of miles since she was ten years of age. 37 08 14a

1937 08 20

Sir – way back in the 1890s I booked a seat with the Sawston carrier. The morning broke with a grey sky. I remember his suspicious look until I paid him the ninepence fare and threepence extra providing there was no 'scorching'. I also recollect his need of a shave. We made Stapleford in the first three hours, on to Shelford and rounded the Stone Bridge, Trumpington about noon, to schedule. But then the offside-wheel came off. I alighted at Market Hill, walked down Petty Cury and boarded a horse tram. Then from the delightful rhythm and sway of that luxuriously-upholstered vehicle I drank in the scenery of the skyscraper buildings in Regent Street before returning home – 'Blisters' 37 08 20

1938 01 29

Henry Brunning of Great Shelford was a blacksmith for 55 years being kicked by horses many times. He did an apprenticeship at Barrington, then joined Alec Redhouse's firm of engineers and general smiths at Balsham. He later worked at forges at Linton, Shelford and Stapleford. He remembers when all travelling had to be done by walking or carrier carts and there were more penny-farthing cycles than anything else. During the Great War he worked in a munitions factory at Trumpington. He treasures a box of six spoons sent by his daughter who served in France as a nurse; each carries the name of a battlefield on which she'd served. 38 01 29

1938 08 03

A car owned by Mr J.E. Bidwell of Gt Shelford and driven by his chauffeur was proceeding down Castle Hill when the front nearside wheel came off. The wheel collided with Alexander McFarlane, of no fixed abode, who was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital with leg and hand injuries. He was treated and taken to the Poor Law Institution. After the wheel had become detached from the car, the vehicle was stopped without further damage being done 38 08 03

1939 02 17

An automatic machine dealer of Mill Road told the bankruptcy court he'd set up in 1934 starting with 20 machines on licensed premises. He was making a profit of £25 a week until police prohibited the machines in Cambridge and he was forced to move to other territories where profits were much lower. In 1937 he took the tenancy of the Magpie Transport Café at Shelford but it lost money. He carried on business as a bookmaker, losing £140 in one day. He kept no books. He was questioned about three machines at Prickwillow and a pawned gold ring. 39 02 17

1939 07 19

Two mobile first aid posts are to be provided, one stationed at Waterbeach and the other at Gt Shelford to deal with air raid casualties and second-hand vehicles will be purchased for adaptation as ambulances. 39 07 19

1939 08 18

Oak Cottage, Shelford has been restored after four months work by Messrs Kerridge of Cambridge under the direction of Douglas Loukes. Much work was done internally and is not obvious to passers-by but all who visit the village will be able to appreciate the removal of the external plaster to expose the vertical studs, beam ends and the long oak beam running the whole length of the house. 39 08 18

1940 02 09

House Wall Collapses. When a Cambs. soldier due from France on leave returns to his home, he will find it looking as though it had been bombed; An end wall of the house, which is situated in Tunwell's Lane, Great Shelford, collapsed on Wednesday as if torn off by high explosive, leaving two rooms exposed to view. Fortunately no one was inside at the time, though had the occupant, Mr. Thomas Roslyn, arrived on leave as expected, he and his wife might both have been there. As it was, Mrs. Roslyn went to the house to air it, but when her husband did not turn up she went to her mother's home in Stonehall Road, Shelford. The collapse occurred about 8.30 p.m., and the house looked like a doll's house with the end off. The furniture in the two rooms visible was undisturbed; a wardrobe in the bedroom could be seen standing within a few inches of the place where the wall had been.
– photo – 40 02 09

1940 03 29

Married 50 Years.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Arthur Andrews, of 68, High Street, Great Shelford, celebrate their golden wedding today (Friday). Mr. Andrews has been a Forester and a member of the local Baptist Church for many years. The couple have had six sons and seven daughters (four sons were in the last war). There is one adopted daughter, and they have 26 grandchildren (three of them now in the Forces) and two great grandchildren.

1940 11 06

Gt Shelford bungalow, Cambridge Road gutted by fire – 40 11 06b; photo 40 11 07b

1940 10 04

Golden Wedding Days. Five years after their wedding 50 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. William Loker came to live in Great Eastern Street (Cambridge), and they have lived there ever since. They have occupied No. 2, Great Eastern Street, for the past 36 years, moving there from No. 14. Mr. and Mrs. Loker, who are 73 and 72 respectively, were married at Holy Trinity Church, Wimbledon, on September 28, 1890. Before coming to Cambridge, they lived at Little Shelford for five years. Mr. Loker's connection with the Foresters' Hope Lodge at Little Shelford extends over 57 years, and he has held every office, including that of Chief Ranger. He worked at Foster's Mill, near the station, for 37 years, retiring seven years ago.

1940 11 08

Bungalow Burnt out. A bungalow in Cambridge Road, Great Shelford, belonging to Mr. G. E. Evans was completely gutted by fire on Wednesday. The outbreak started just after ten o'clock, when, it is believed, something in a room was ignited from the fire, and before the flames could be extinguished

the whole room was ablaze. The Borough Fire Brigade was called, and regular men, assisted by members of the A.F.S., soldiers and several local special constables, fought the blaze for two hours before it could be brought under control. Fear that the fire would spread necessitated the removal of furniture from an adjoining room.

1941 05 19

Gt Shelford farmer fined as failed to plough land at Stapleford – 41 05 19b

1941 07 04

Open Day. — Friday last was Open Day at Sawston Village College. The main attraction was the crowning of the May Queen (Nina Cromack, of Shelford) by Mrs. Robert Ellis, of Cottenham. Folk dancing was performed by the girls and physical training exercises by second year boys. The afternoon's programme included exhibitions of needle work, woodwork, metalwork and art. Evacuees took part in all the activities.

1942 01 26

Histon & Shelford sewage scheme agreed – 42 01 26a

1942 02 21

Lt Shelford Old Enclosure thatched house damaged by fire – 42 02 21a

1942 02 27

Shelford House Guttered. A spark from a chimney falling on to the thatched roof on Friday evening started a fire which caused extensive damage to the Old, Enclosure, a house in Newton Road, Little Shelford. There was no loss of life. The occupier is Mr. F. Bagnell, who lived at the house with his two sisters. Mr. Bagnell was alone in the house at about 8 p.m. when a neighbour came to the door and told him a chimney was on fire. Once ignited, the Norfolk blazed fiercely and Mr. Bagnell's efforts to control the flames with stirrup pump and chemical extinguisher were ineffectual, and the Fire Services were called. The fire was brought under control by ten o'clock. Nevertheless, the roof and most of the interior were completely burnt out, and a large part of the furniture and other property were destroyed. In the house was a very valuable gold watch and chain belonging to Mr. Bagnell, which have not yet been recovered.

1943 06 11

New Stationmaster. — The L.N.E.R. announces that Mr. H. W. Scoffield, stationmaster at Harston, has been appointed stationmaster at Shelford.

1943 07 23

Honours Award presented. A pleasing little ceremony took place at 'F' Co's Camp (Home Guard) last weekend, when Sergeant A. W. Melbourne (Gt. Shelford) was presented with the Certificate of Merit and Good Service awarded to him in the honours list. The District Commander, when visiting the camp, took the opportunity of presenting the certificate on behalf of the G.O.C.-in-C., Home Guard Forces, and congratulated Sgt. Melbourne on his award, saying these honours were not easily won, and he had no doubt, therefore, of the good work that had been done by the sergeant in the national effort. Sgt. Melbourne, who is well-known in the district served in the last war with the Cambridgeshire Regt.

1943 12 03

An inverted rainbow. A letter to the Editor, signed S. R. G. Willis, Little Shelford, states: I witnessed a curious phenomenon on November 25, and it would be interesting to know whether other people noticed it or whether anyone else can explain it. At about 2.30p.m. my attention was directed to it by my companion, and together we watched it for perhaps four minutes, after which it faded quickly out. At that hour the sun's altitude would have been about 13½ degrees and the azimuth 160 degrees west. The bow was right above the sun at an altitude of 60 or 70 degrees. The arc was perhaps one of 40 degrees or more. The red end of the spectrum was towards the sun on the convex edge. The violet end

was particularly well marked. The sky was blue, with light mists blowing very rapidly across it. There were a good- many aeroplane trails about. I could under-stand a ring around the sun, but why the 'inverted' arc with its centre somewhere near the zenith?

1944 08 18

A Fine Catch. While L.A.C. Derrick Walker, of Stonehill Road Shelford, was home for 36 hours' leave during the past weekend he thought he would try his hand at fishing, and he had the good fortunate to land a large pike weighing just under 15 lbs. Luckily he had company with him to help him land this monster. When he got the pike home and opened it, he was surprised to find inside a large water rat which the fish had swallowed

1944 09 29

New Stationmaster,—The L.N.E.R. announce that Mr. R. E. A. Hall, relief clerk, District Superintendent's Office, Knebworth, has been appointed Stationmaster at Great Shelford.

1945 04 26

Forced march ordeal – Arthur Rumsey, Shelford Rd, Trumpington – 45 04 26

1945 01 05

Golf Secretary's Death. Mr. J F. Wyllie, secretary of the Gog Magog Golf Club, collapsed and died while on his way to the office at the Club about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. Wyllie, who was 67, lived in Coppice Avenue, Great Shelford. He had not enjoyed good health for some time. He had been secretary of the Gog Magog Golf Club for about 11 years, having held a similar post with the Bushey Hall Club. While at the Gogs he played a big part in the formation of the Cambridge and District Professional Golfers' Alliance, of which he was secretary. He leaves a widow and one daughter, whose husband, a squadron leader in the R.A.F., is in India.

1945 07 06

Musical Service. With the closing of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross Fund, the Cambridge Amateur Operatic Society's Choir, of which Mr. R. Alsop has been organiser, with Mr. E. Wedd musical director, held their last musical service at Little Shelford on Sunday evening in aid of the Duke of Gloucester's Fund. This made the 145th occasion of which the choir have sung for this purpose, and they have raised over £2,600. The service was very well attended, and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. B.H. Hardwick, O.B.E., M.A., Mr. J. Pares Wilsom (vice-chairman of the Joint County Committee) read the lesson. The choir gave a beautiful rendering of the. "Magnificent," and among the other items the solo "Wher'er you walk" was sung by Mr. George Cornell. Afterwards the choir, with members of the Joint County Committee and other visitors, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Pares Wilson at the Manor House. Lord Fairhaven, introduced by Miss Gaskell (vice-president), in a short speech, thanked the members for all they had done. Dame Beryl Oliver, Headquarters Staff, of the British Red Cross Society, presented badges of associate membership of the society to members during the afternoon.

1946 04 23

Shelford Memorial Hall – exhibition of rare objects to raise funds – 46 04 23

1947 10 13

Sir - We secretaries, typists and general office workers of this town have a grievance. Isn't it time something was done about the congestion existing in the Cafeterias and Quick Service Restaurants at all the rush hour times, caused by the invasion of undergraduates. Surely the facilities at the various colleges provide them with a mid-day meal, and if this should not prove sufficient, why must they patronise all the catering establishments at the critical time when we, the working population, adjourn for lunch? Owing to the acute food shortage, after spending the first 20 minutes of our brief lunch hour queueing, we arrive at the service counter to find all the most nourishing dishes gone and have to satisfy ourselves with the inevitable sausages and other equally indifferent fare. (This can become

extremely monotonous every day). One of many "Hungry Typists", Yours etc Mavis Bennett, Gt Shelford

1948 01 21

Cambridgeshire has been well to the fore in implementing the proposals in the Children's Bill. Under the Bill responsibility for the care of children who have no normal home life is placed squarely on the shoulders of the local authority. I think I am right in saying that ours is one of the first County Council's to anticipate legislation. A Children's Committee has been set up, a full-time Children's officer appointed, an office established, and authorisation obtained for adding what staff is found necessary. The Committee has inherited a number of foster homes and the "Red House", Little Shelford and Ross Street Homes from the Public Assistance Committee. Council Chairman M.C. Burkitt said they were anxious that these homes shall be similar in atmosphere to an old-fashioned Victorian family

1948 01 26

Commenting at the meeting of Cambridgeshire County Council on the road signs that Cambridge "Welcomes Careful Drivers" Councillor Jeeps said a stranger had told him that from his experience Cambridge did not welcome any drivers, and he added "From the other side of Shelford into Cambridge someone is on your tail; when you stop in Cambridge it's "You can't park here" and when you leave Cambridge they chase you nearly to Ely!"

1949 10 27

"In my submission, the objectors merely want to see the High Street of Gt Shelford as dead and respectable as an Acacia Avenue. It is clear they are the voice of suburbia raising itself in the village". These remarks were made at a planning appeal when Mr A Townsend wished to erect a workshop for use in his business as a funeral director and builder. The village had become very much influenced by Cambridge and resembled more a suburb of the town rather than a village street. The majority of "genuine" residents had no objections to the proposal and those received were from suburban residents who had attempted to introduce the amenities of a suburb to a country village.

1950 04 01

17-years-old Joy Carter of Newmarket Road, Cambridge was by popular vote last night chosen as Miss Cambridgeshire, 1950. She was one of four entrants who reached the finals of this fifth annual contest held at the Rex Ballroom. The others were Angela Barker of Gt Shelford, Jean Hickman of Histon and Dorothy Sampson of Ramsden Square, Cambridge.

1950 04 10

Members of the Shelford rifle club held a gala night to mark the opening of their new 25-yards indoor range. This is the first small-bore range to be opening in the county since the war. Constructed on the most modern principle, with concealed lighting on the targets it comprises three firing points, the pitch and structure of the roof eliminates noise and the whole is designed to afford the maximum opportunity for high scoring.

1950 08 31

The post office proposes to introduce the 999 scheme for emergency calls as from today at exchanges in the areas of Bottisham, Comberton, Cottenham, Elsworth, Shelford, Haddenham & Waterbeach. The system enables a caller by dialling 999 instead of 0 to secure the special attention of the exchange operator for emergency calls. Special equipment has been installed at the exchange so that when 999 is dialled an emergency lamp and loud buzzer will indicate to the operator that the call is especially urgent.

1950 11 07

Before Shelford rugby union football club began their match on Saturday, Mr Herbert Fordham declared open the new changing rooms which have been built for the club at their headquarters, the Peacock Inn. These rooms, with sufficient accommodation and bathing facilities for 60 players, are a

gift by Mr Fordham and his brother. P.L. Davey (president of the club) expressed their pleasure and gratitude for “this wonderful gesture to sport in the village of Shelford and the cause of rugby in Cambridgeshire”

1950 11 16

Sir, during the past months in Lt Shelford three boys in the age range of 8-11 have been knocked down by motor vehicles. There are at least two spots that are sheer death traps for children, at the Prince Regent crossroads and the exit from the recreation ground in Whittlesford Road. It would be best to have the whole village brought within the speed limit, but what howls that would produce from the over-burdened ratepayers. But would such ‘evidence of distress’ be comparable with that of a maimed and crippled child, or probably one sent to eternity – ‘Anxious parent’

1950 11 27

The court was told how a Leyland lorry carrying 2,500 bricks hit a heap of tarmac on the Cambridge Road, Gt Shelford, depositing 1,500 bricks into the road. The foreman of the Clifton Construction Company of Coronation Street said it was the night-watchman’s duty to ensure all obstructions were well lit. The watchman said the two lights on the heap of tarmac were out but he did not relight them as it was the break of day. If the driver had not been overtaking another vehicle he would have seen the obstruction. He was fined £2

1951 01 24

A large congregation assembled in Gt Shelford church for the dedication of the memorial to the late Charles Edward Swift. The new organ screen replaces a set of dummy organ pipes. He was headmaster of the Church of England school for 24 years and church choirmaster for 20.

1951 06 11

The Cambridgeshire of the future will have a number of new roads, fire & police stations, sewerage schemes, old peoples’ homes, a new children’s home and a mental deficiency colony. Planners say villages recommended for enlargement include Milton, Fulbourn, Shelford, Barton and Coton where the population will increase from 400 to 1,840. Road improvements recommended include a bypass to the east of Girton relinking the road interrupted by the RAF station but Cambridge bypasses are not shown as surveys show there is no immediate need for them.

1952 03 05

The Minister of Housing and Local Government has dismissed the first appeal to be made against a decision of the County Planning Department on a building elevation. It relates to the de Freville Arms public house at Gt Shelford where the applicants proposed adding single-storey projections on each side. The main issues were the design of the roof & central door and the removal of bay windows.

1952 03 27

When Chesterton RDC acquired land to erect 2,000 council houses in “necklace villages” in order to accommodate the “over-spilled” population of Cambridge they should obtain sufficient land to allow for private building as well, said a councillor. Council houses were subsidised to the extent of £35 12s. and building private houses would ease the financial burden. The sewerage of the parishes of Milton and Great and Little Shelford was already in and they should be the first villages to be developed. Fulbourn, Stapleford, Harston, Barton and Coton were also on the priority list.

1952 07 02

Sir – In 1950 the Shelford and Stapleford Scout Troop was re-opened after a lapse of many years and the first question was that of a H.Q. where meetings could be held. The Shelford guides could not help as their barn had developed dry rot in the floor which was no longer safe for games, and they too would soon be homeless. After many months of effort enough was raised to buy and erect an ex-Army hut. Permission was obtained and the H.Q. opened with great rejoicing in April 1951. But then came the Central Land Board with a claim for a £300 development charge!

1952 09 20

Beetles have caused serious damage at Great Shelford church. Some months ago while Mr L.P. Morley, one of the churchwardens, was cleaning down cobwebs from the clerestory windows he noticed what seemed to be deterioration of some of the roof woodwork. A thorough examination has now been made and the plate on which the whole roof rests, both in the nave and the aisles, is so riddled with beetle-holes that repair is a matter of urgency

1953 10 29

There is a big demand in Cambridge for caravans – but there is nowhere to put them, two Milton caravan site proprietors told an inquiry. “Young couples have the deposit but they won’t have them because we cannot guarantee them a site in the area, near their work”. There is a large site at Gt Shelford but when people buy a caravan on the hire purchase they just cannot afford £1 a week rent for the site. They proposed to have 14 caravans adjoining the White Horse and 30 alongside the Milton Laundry. The Parish Council had no objections.

1953 12 28

At Winston House Boys’ Hostel, Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge each lad had presents sent from “Fairy Godmothers” who invited a number of them for dinner. For those who remained there was roast chicken and Christmas pudding. At The Grange Children’s’ Home, Swavesey the children hopefully hung up their stockings at the foot of the bed and on awaking found they had been filled. There was no shortage of presents at the Little Shelford Children’s’ Home, partly due to the generosity of the American servicemen station in the vicinity. An American ‘Father Christmas’ arrived from Wimpole Park bringing tennis racquets, bagatelle, darts, dolls and tea sets.

1954 07 01

Some villages have been ‘jumping the queue’ with main sewerage ahead of Cottenham, a councillor claimed. They had been promised a main drainage scheme some 25 years ago and the drains are in such a deplorable condition that nothing can be done. Their only sanitary accommodation is an open cesspool a few feet from the kitchen door. With all the new development sewage was the utmost priority. But there were major problems at Lt Shelford where 47 per cent of people don’t have sinks in their homes and this was a matter of urgency on public health grounds. Pampisford was promised water seven years ago but the village is still not supplied & now Whittlesford parish council has also asked why slow progress was being made there

1954 07 11 c

Len Tibbs of Gt Shelford is well-known as a pianist and comedian and has now been invited to appear at London’s Windmill Theatre where he will present the characterisations which have delighted audiences locally. He started his career as a comedian during the war, helping out with troop shows, and has appeared in most parts of the Easter Counties. Unbeknown to him his work was drawn to the attention of Mr Van Damm and he was surprised to receive an invitation to attend an audition. He has also accepted the offer to appear on Television’s variety show ‘Show Case’

1954 09 06

Rain. Steel slivers of relentless rain beat into the track anxious officials had nursed for Great Shelford’s Special Sunday. Then the sun blazed for the War Memorial Hall sports day and carnival. More than 2,000 were there. Actress Jessie Matthews arrived quietly in her silver Bentley and was welcomed by the Chairman of the Parish Council. A carnival march heralded the arrival of the procession headed by a break-down truck towing a model of the present hall and the one villagers want to build. But then the breakdown truck had to leave for an accident at Foxton Station.

1954 10 23c

Imagine a Hydrogen bomb has been dropped on Cambridge. In a five-mile radius from Great Shelford to Histon everything is just rubble. In a 12-mile radius, including Saffron Walden, Newmarket and Huntingdon, there is severe damage and for 20 miles, as far as Bishop’s Stortford, there is minor

damage. Blast and heat flash from the bomb could also cause severe burns to people exposed in the open and if the bomb exploded on the ground or in water mud thrown up would be very radio-active and would be carried for many, many miles. But if an 'ordinary' atom bomb was dropped the centre of destruction would be only a half-mile radius.

1955 01 17

Complaints of flooding in the Hauxton Mill to Shelford area have been investigated and the River Cam will be dredged to eliminate the risk of summer flooding. No such scheme for improvement has previously ever been undertaken by the Great Ouse Catchment Board. The proposed by-pass at Barton Mills would involve a dual-carriageway bridge directly over the lock gate and reduce the length of the lock by 25 feet. But there was no active navigation on this part of the River Lark and a combined bridge and sluice structure could be built.

1955 10 15

In 1950 the Shelford scout troop and cub pack reopened after a break for the war years but had nowhere to meet. The Guides and Brownies had kept going in a barn which was too small. So they decided to pool their resources to erect a joint HQ. The prospect of dozens of children making merry in their vicinity appalled some local residents but Mr Williams of 'Southernwood' offered the use of his garden where a hut was erected. Now it needs repair and a fund has been opened. 55 10 15a

1955 12 08

Sir – three years ago the elm on Shelford Recreation Ground where children play and adults congregate was found to be in a bad condition. There was a large hole, full of water in the tree trunk and bottles and old cartridge cases taken out. The council called in a tree expert and decided to have it felled. Had the two heavy branches which came off a few weeks ago have fallen a foot nearer the bowling green we might be mourning the loss of the groundsmen. Think what torrent of abuse the council would have received if somebody had been killed. A few children's lives are worth far more than all the elms in Shelford – Horace Reed. 55 12 08

1956 05 31

Sanitary arrangements at Great Shelford School are in a deplorable condition. The first part of a scheme to enlarge the school was carried out in 1954, including modern sanitary accommodation but the managers were advised to retain the existing lavatories instead of building a septic tank for the new one since a main sewer was expected. But Chesterton RDC had not acted and the increased number of children now made new lavatories urgent. 56 05 31b, 56 06 05 & a

1957 02 15

Mrs Nina Beynon of Gt Shelford left the Central School for Girls and went to the Eastern Gas Offices as a junior. Now she is a senior shorthand typist and secretary to the Divisional Accountant. Her work is very varied and involves a lot of figure typing which she finds very interesting, though she prefers shorthand – she can do 140 words a minute. There are also a number of letters dealing with consumers' queries. 57 02 15

1957 04 13

Great St Mary's church has a new mace which depicts the Virgin Mary resting on the arms of the University. It was made by Loughborough Pendred, the Cambridge woodcarver and magnificently gilded and decorated by Mr B. Winterton. There are other examples of Mr Pendred's work in Stretham, Teversham, Sawston, Cheveley and Great Shelford churches. 57 04 13

1957 08 31

Great Shelford's new Village Hall will open in December, but should it include a bar selling beer and spirits? Judge Lawson Campbell was opposed, feeling young members of the club would be tempted to indulge in drink and this would be a bad influence on their morals. But another villager said if he invited his friends to come along to the new hall and told them they would have to eat biscuits and drink lemonade they would want to go to the nearest public house instead. 57 08 31b

1957 09 26

Little Shelford was an unspoilt village – it was a miracle it had been spared in view of its proximity to Cambridge – and with careful planning it could be kept a ‘picture village’, an Inquiry was told. A building firm withdrew its plans for the erection of 92 houses but appealed for 13 others, however the ‘Black Ditch’ was over-flowing and could not take even one more house. 57 09 26

1958 01 13

Great Shelford Memorial Hall was officially opened after twelve years of planning and hard work. The project began in 1945 but building restrictions made it difficult so they decided to investigate pre-cast building. Apart from a Ministry grant the whole cost was met by voluntary contributions and support from the people of the village. It was a fitting memorial to the war dead of Shelford. 58 01 13

1958 05 20

New headquarters for the 14th detachment of the Cambridgeshire Red Cross were opened in a prefabricated building at Great Shelford. Mr Woodbridge had lent them the ground and members worked hard to get the interior neat and attractive. The walls were painted white and deep red curtains hung beneath neat pelmets. Miss C.J. Gaskell, the Divisional President praised their excellent work during both world wars. Lady Spens presented proficiency badges to Gillian Cann, Marion Robinson, Elizabeth Morley and Christine Ryder. 58 05 20a

1959 03 28

A new Village College may be provided at Shelford to take children from Stapleford, Harston and Hauxton, providing a compact area with economic transport arrangements. It would avoid the expansion of Sawston and Melbourn village colleges when the school leaving age is raised to 16. But it is not included in the Development Plan and it is not thought likely there would be any considerable increase in population. 59 03 28

1959 04 25

The Cambridgeshire Branch of the British Red Cross Society celebrated its Golden Jubilee. The first detachment (women) was formed in Cambridge in 1910 and followed by Bourn, Swavesey, Shelford & Willingham. The first men’s detachment was formed at Melbourn in 1913. With the coming of the First World War valuable work was done at hospitals in Cintra Terrace and Wordsworth Grove which laid the foundation for their well-established reputation for invaluable service. 59 04 25c

1959 08 25

A fuel cell which produces useful quantities of electricity by consuming hydrogen and oxygen has been invented by F.T. Bacon of Lt Shelford and developed by Marshall’s under a National Development Corporation contract. The present cell, containing two electrodes immersed in a solution of caustic soda or potash, is still in its rudimentary stages but it can supply enough electricity to operate a circular saw, a fork lift truck or even carry out welding. The Americans are interested in using it for manned space stations or space rockets. 59 08 25 & a

1959 11 24

Cambridge residents will notice a new blue and white vehicle. This is Shelford Building Supplies’ Esso Blue and Valor new Hawking Service. For the first time you will be able to stop the tanker to buy a full range of heaters, oil drums, funnels and paraffin. The lorry will also collect and repair faulty heaters. Alf and Reg, the drivers, will soon become the friends of many Cambridge families and be very familiar figures on the local roads. 59 11 24

1960 05 06

Gt & Lt Shelford Church of England primary school assembly hall dedicated – 60 05 06b

1960 09 01

The Cambridge to Colchester railway line becomes a single track beyond Shelford and winds down the river Stour into Suffolk through a series of little country stations which make it one of the prettiest railway journeys in East Anglia. The canopied platforms of Linton, Haverhill, Sturmer, Stoke, Clare and Cavendish fit picturesquely into the landscape. A four-horned Jacob ram journeyed in the luggage van on its way to Wales to be crossed with a mountain sheep. Labelled, it travelled alone as a parcel. It was joined at Stoke by a bicycle and by a baby in her pram accompanied by her parents. But the guard said it was not big enough to carry all the parcels. 60 09 01b & c

1960 09 02

Bridge over railway track between Shelford and Bartlow – 60 09 02

1960 12 23

Throughout the year the CIP carried a series of feature articles relating to Cambridgeshire villages. They included Shelford, Lt – 60 12 23 CIP

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1961 01 08

Cambridge Rugby Union Club dates from 1923, although there may have been a rugby club of some sort in existence before the first world war. The Old Cantabrigians were founded sometime in the 1920s as part of the County High School old Boys' Society but lapsed and was not reformed until 1945. Shelford followed in 1935, being established by young players unable to get a game, and finally came the Old Perseans who as the Perse Wanderers appeared in July 1949, a new book on the history of the Eastern Counties Rugby Union records. 61 01 08a

1961 03 02

Families living in Great Shelford and Stapleford are preparing to provide holiday homes for youngsters from Displaced Persons Camps in German. For the children of Hitler's white slave army who have known nothing but poverty, overcrowding, illness and hunger, it will be their first experience of life as it should be lived under normal happy conditions. They will attend local schools and be taken on a few organised outings but mostly become just part of an English family. Before leaving Germany they will have been medically examined and equipped with as many belongings as possible and local people are collecting clothing for them, with particular emphasis on shoes 61 03 02

1961 04 26

Little Shelford church used to have five bells in its tower and they pealed each Sunday morning. Now it is gaining another with the addition of a treble bell. When a strange bell is added to a peal the rest have to be re-tuned which means sending them to a London foundry. A completely new frame has to be build into the tower to carry the bells, the oldest of which dates back to 1701. In a few weeks they will ring out once more 61 04 26

1961 08 08

Arthur Melbourne-Cooper was the builder of St Alban's first cinema, a photographer and film-maker who was also a stunt man and acting coach. Having trained in his father's photographic business he became cameraman to Birt Acres, a scientist who in 1892 was experimenting with 'moving projection figures'. Arthur made short films which were presented by the showmen who travelled Hertfordshire showgrounds then set up a company and filmed extensively. Spectators often tried to disrupt proceedings and a crowd of undergraduates attacked his cast and camera crew when filming in Cambridge. He retired to Little Shelford 61 08 08 & a

1961 10 21

Alban G. Wigery 'A philosopher's pilgrimage' describes Lt Shelford & University 61 10 21

1961 11 17

Planning appeal over bungalow at Westfield Road, Gt Shelford has been going on for two years – 61 11 17

1961 11 20

Main train lines were diverted while railway engineers worked throughout the night to construct a bridge on the line between Great Chesterford and Shelford. They started at 11.30 pm under electric lighting take up the old bridge and fit one of a standard design four feet above the water level of the narrow river at Duxford. Men worked in shifts throughout the day while trains were diverted via Audley End, Bartlow and Shelford. 61 11 20

1961 12 09

Five villages, Graveley, Ickleton, Hauxton, Toft and Whaddon, have been stimulated into getting their own village halls through the closure of their local church schools. In the past they have been unable to afford the cost but now hope to purchase the buildings and convert them. The Ministry of Education has made grants for new halls at Stetchworth, Barrington and Lt Shelford while the Carnegie Trust has funded others at Newton, Orwell and Weston Colville. 61 12 09

1962 01 17

Diana Gunn, writer of Kings Mill House, Shelford – 62 01 17a

1962 05 10

Lt Shelford shop keeper inquest – 62 05 10

1962 05 29

Fuel cells may soon provide power for motor cars, writes Rodney Tibbs, News motoring correspondent. The cells, which were developed by Mr Bacon of Great Shelford, have an ability to produce electric current. I remember that at the original demonstration in Cambridge the cell was shown operating a fork lift truck. Now the Chrysler Corporation say they may take the place of conventional car power units within the next ten years. The immediate goal is to produce a cell which will use a simple hydrocarbon fuel such as petrol mixed with air in place of dangerous gases 62 05 29

1962 07 05

Abberley House, Gt Shelford is the HQ of the county Civil Defence Corps. In a nuclear war Wardens would give advice, Communications and Intelligence sections control operations and Scientists go out after an attack to collect technical information. First aiders would supplement the ambulance service, Rescue workers free trapped survivors while Welfare staff would provide food, shelter and clothing. Members of the C.D. are only asked to give as much time as they can spare and more volunteers are needed. 62 07 05c

1963 01 17

Lt Shelford residents protested against building a factory producing scientific and electronic glassware at the rear of a thatched cottage fronting Church Street. It was an important industry and some work was of a secret nature for the Atomic Energy Commission. It did nobody any harm as there was no noise, smell or fumes. It had grown over 10 years from a part-time concern and would employ up to 30. The land had existing industrial rights and was formerly used as a ropeworks. But neighbours said it would overlook their gardens and spoil the view. 63 01 17

1963 91 18

Miss Alice Haslop, 95, Trumpington's oldest parishioner; was born and lived all her life in the village where he father was bootmaker and carrier to Cambridge. She was a laundress of no mean repute and a good plain needlewoman, particularly in making pillow-slips. She insisted on doing her own housework as long as she could and possessed a sense of humour. As a child the nearest doctor was near Woollards Lane, Shelford, and medicine had to be fetched, walking to the surgery before

breakfast. "I liked going", she said with an impish gleam in her eye, "because then I was late for school". Her death closes a chapter in the village's history. 63 01 18c

1963 02 07

Deep snow blocks roads, sheet-ice responsible for lorry crashing into wall of Post Office at Gt Shelford – 63 02 07

1963 03 08

Stapleford and Shelford would probably be virtually unknown outside the immediate district but for one man – L.L. Baynes. Ten years ago he felt that the D.I.Y. movement had great possibilities so built a single-storey shop, Shelford Building Supplies. Handymen appreciated his advice and range of products and as the business expanded extensions became necessary, leading to a new store in 1962. Undergraduates come to get materials for making bookshelves and members of the armed forces from the many camps in the area are also good customers. Now he issues a 36-page illustrated catalogue of his stock. 63 03 08c

1963 03 27

The Beeching report on the future of British Railways suggests the closing down of 19 stations in the Cambridge area – including three serving the main towns of Haverhill, Saffron Walden and St Ives. There would be the complete withdrawal of passenger services from branch lines, Cambridge-March, Gt Shelford-Marks Tey, Audley End & Bartlow lines. Amongst the village stations closed to passenger traffic would be Histon, Wimblington and Chatteris, Bartlow, Pampisford and Linton together with Soham and Fordham. Services from Black Bank would also cease 63 03 27 & a

1963 03 29

Courtyard, Lt Shelford – new housing – 63 03 29a

1963 04 17

Saffron Walden council were wrong to accept the proposed closure of the rail link to Audley End without protest and were letting residents down, Haverhill councillors felt. They claimed the withdrawal of passenger services from the Shelford-Haverhill-Marks Tey line and the Bartlow-Audley End link would disrupt the social and economic organisation of the area and damage their expansion scheme. Haverhill station should be kept open for freight traffic and personnel and luggage from Stradishall RAF station. It should also become a centre for the distribution of coal. 63 04 17a

1963 05 16

Studio home at Courtyards, Lt Shelford – 63 05 16a

1963 05 29

A site has been identified for the proposed new Shelford Village College 63 05 29

1963 10 09

Land prices at Great Shelford have soared to 'fantastic' levels due to the rigid attitude of the County Planning Department, an Inquiry was told. Mr Douglas L. January, who wants to develop 11 acres surrounding his home, 'Trinity House', says it was a large house that was proving difficult and expensive to maintain. He was finding it difficult to get adequate domestic help if his present staff left him. But planners say it is outside the development area in the green belt and the sewage system is inadequate. It would change the character of the area entirely 63 10 09

1963 10 12

Shelford Library in Woollards Lane has new look – pic - 63 10 12

1964 03 28

Cottage at Hinton Way junction with Babraham Road, Gt Shelford, is being rethatched – 64 03 28a

1964 08 03

Midfield House at Oakington is a reception centre for children in need of care. Some are short-term visitors, others are admitted under the Children's Act. Every child brings a problem. They are assessed and transferred to a home at Shelford, to foster-parents or sent for training. There is plenty to keep them mentally fit and interested. Up to five share a daintily decorated bedroom and parents are encouraged to visit whenever possible. Some, after rehabilitation, return to their families. 64 08 03a

1964 09 18

The country parsonage is changing. Once it was a sombre, imposing residence in spacious grounds. Now it is a dignified, modern house in more modest surroundings with central heating. A clergyman was an important figure in a village community, ranking with the squire. Now he is less well off than his neighbours. So the Diocese is building new homes and many a parson's lot has been improved. Six were completed in 1962, including at Wood Ditton and Lt Shelford. Now one at Dry Drayton is about to be occupied 64 09 18bb

1964 10 01

Fen Drayton had to be evacuated following a nuclear explosion near Wisbech. There was no damage from the blast but because of radiation fall-out more than 200 people were moved to Civil Defence Headquarters at Gt Shelford. The last person to leave each house put a white towel in the window to indicate the house had been cleared. Police patrolled the village to prevent looting. But shopkeepers were worried about the loss of trade and some farmers were too busy to go. It was only an exercise to test plans in case of the real thing. 64 10 01a, 05a

1964 11 23

Estate agent John Bidwell's home, Fox Hill, Gt Shelford on part of Gog Magog Hills for sale – 64 11 23b

1965 01 13

Village College for Gt Shelford plans inquiry – 65 01 13a

1965 02 09

Gypsy couple with caravan by roadside at Lt Shelford – Loveridge family – photo – 65 02 09

1965 04 23

Shelford fight closure of Shelford-Marks Tey railway line – 65 04 23a

1966 03 12

Shelford Rugby Union Football Club given six acres of land for new HQ by Percy Davey – 66 03 12b

1966 04 18

Barclays Bank, Gt Shelford, modernised – 66 04 18b

1970 08 26

Railway track removed at Gt Shelford junction – 70 08 26

1972 08 11

Crandal - a village within a village. The most pleasant village of Gt Shelford, has been for many years an idyllic residential area. The character and charm has been retained whilst every modern amenity is available. The strong community spirit that exists has led to the establishment of many local societies and clubs. It will be understood that the local authority wish to reserve the village feeling of Gt Shelford. It has therefore been after much direct consultation that Arjon Development Company have evolved the concept that is Crandal, a development of exciting and unique homes. Plans have been approved for expansions of the amenities with a further 6 shops, a supermarket, library and health centre. All enquiries to sole selling agents – Adrians

1972 11 10

Only three months after starting work on a housing scheme at Great Shelford, a development company who pitched their prices too high are pulling out and re-selling the land. Arjon, of Stansted, advertised three and four- bedroomed houses planned for the estate on September 15. The asking prices were from £21,500 and £23,500 respectively. Only two people placed reservations on houses & later one of them withdrew but this house was later reserved at the price £3,000 lower by another purchaser. Now after partially completing the two houses reserved, Arjon have put the 18 remaining plots on the market

1973 06 23

Two Mid-Anglia farm workers with 106 years' service between them will be presented with long-service awards at the East of England Show. Mr Bertie Cowl of Soham can look back on 52 years on the land, most of them working for the same employer. Mr Harry Pryor can look back on an almost unbroken span of 54 years on the same farm at Great Shelford. Mr Cowl was born in Soham Fen. When the late Mr Herbert Bedford took over Fletcher's farm he joined him and has been there ever since. As farming has become more mechanised Mr Cowl has one special regret: "I particularly miss horses", he said. Mr Pryor who is 70 started on a farm at the age of 10 as a part-time cattle drover earning 3d a week. "We used to leave off school at 12 and then I'd run down to the village to take the cows from the fields into the barns for milking". He has never fully come to terms with driving a tractor and still looks back affectionately to when horse provided the power in the fields

1973 09 19

The environmental effects on the Cambridgeshire countryside and a number of villages in the building of the Cambridge bypasses are given in the Government's go-ahead to the projects. The inspector concludes that at Grantchester environmental intrusion would be mitigated by a properly conceived planting scheme & the effects on the village would not be serious. At Hauxton and Lt Shelford the environmental effects, though great, would not be intolerable. The Inspector does not support Girton's claims that the area will be severed in any practical sense by the Cambridge Northern Bypass. The new road would pass in a cutting and noise screening is recommended. At Fenstanton the Inspector thinks that the noise problem is more important than any partial severance of the village by the A604. He recommends noise screening

1974 09 10

Anglian Water Authority have asked Souths Cambs district council to refuse permission for any new development and severely restrict building in a further 19 because of the overloading of the sewage treatment works, Milton, whose drains lead into the Cambridge works has suffered from a d development embargo for the last four years. It is now joined by Shelford, Girton, Histon and Fen Ditton where a complete ban on development is requested. At Over, Gamlingay and Bassingbourn permission will only be given to one-building application. All of these sewage works have been badly overloaded for some time but the cuts in public spending have prevented AWA from going ahead with extension schemes

1974 10 03

The most costly new houses are so difficult to sell that some Mid-Anglia builders have temporarily stopped constructing them. But general house sales are picking up after a slump of two months ago, say estate agents. A £15,000 three-bedroomed detached house built at Shelford two years ago is to be sold shortly. Hockeys Ltd of Cambridge report that houses costing less than £10,000 were selling "extremely well". At Haverhill prices have dropped to a lower level. The houses that were not shifting were in the £12 - £20,000 bracket. In Newmarket houses in the £10-14,000 price bracket were selling quite easily

1974 11 29

Tomorrow Arnold Parker will put the final batch of loaves from his oven at Lt Shelford. So ends a century-old baking tradition and so passes that delicious crusty loaf which arrived warm on the kitchen tables of homes in surrounding villages. Private bakeries have been dwindling rapidly in

recent years. In 1971 there were half a dozen left, and now the numbers are very small. The economic situation will probably kill them all off in the next few years.

1975 02 03

World records don't fall very often, but one took a hammering in Gt Shelford when Robert Manderson of Stapleford sang for nine hours without a break and that took care of the existing record for non-stop singing in the Guinness Book of records.

1975 02 14

A house-to-house survey carried out in six Cambridgeshire villages showed that residents were overwhelmingly in favour of a superstore for Gt Shelford, a public inquiry heard. The results delivered by the managing director of Scotsdale Garden Centre, the proposed site for the superstore, came as something of a shock on the last day of the inquiry. Up until then indications were that most people were strongly against a proposal of Asda to build a 50,000 square feet store and car park

1975 02 28

Down in Gt Shelford the traditional pub games of darts and dominoes have a rival. It's chess. The stately game has found its way into the bars of the Square and Compasses public house where no fewer than 22 players entered the pub's chess tournament. Landlord Mr Ron Hughes has bought two special chequered-topped tables for the saloon bar. "It's obvious that this is something that's going to grow", he said. "It's about as popular as darts"

1975 04 18

The Government has given permission to the giant Shell petrol company to look for oil in south Cambridgeshire. The area selected extends from Gt Shelford up to Royston and southwards through Hertfordshire as far as Buntingford. In the west it takes in Ashwell, Steeple Morden and Gamlingay, while in the east it extends almost to Saffron Walden. The actual drilling areas have not yet been selected. Nearly six years ago an American oil company planned to make test borings in the north Cambridgeshire fens. A few years before that tests were made near Saffron Walden. Nothing came of either project

1975 07 03

The Environment Minister, Mr Anthony Crosland has rejected a plan to build a supermarket on the Scotsdale Garden Centre site at Gt Shelford. He says that the development would be in the wrong place, at the wrong time and would result in the over-provision of large-scale shopping. If it was permitted in addition to the recently built Sainsbury's supermarket at Brooks Rd, Cambridge and the centre planned for Bar Hill it would overprovide shopping facilities in the "20-minute zone" car shopping journey area from Cambridge. In the longer term, however, population growth might justify further substantial additions to the food retailing outlets.

1975 11 18

An elm tree at Gt Shelford was felled because a black cat named Jemima was trapped at the top and neither the RSPCA, the police, nor the fire brigade could think of any other way to rescue her. The tree – which was diseased anyway – was cut down and Jemima leapt to safety as it fell and made straight for the house where she was reunited with her very relieved owners.

1976 01 29

Little Shelford has said "no" to further housing estates being built in the village because, say the parish council, probably three-quarters of the residents of the existing Courtyards estate seem not yet to have fully integrated into the village community. The council feels Little Shelford should be allowed to keep its own identity and not be merged with other villages or be over-developed.

1976 03 10

Two Cambridge brothers have just completed 50 years in the bakery business. Maurice and Dennis How, the bakers and confectioners in Mill Road started in the business by chance after leaving school.

“Our father, who ran the business, was taken ill and had to go into hospital”, explained Maurice. “There was no one else to take over and keep things going. When we started a large loaf cost four pence in old money. Now the same sort of loaf is 17p”. Their father, Mr John How, started business at Shelford in 1868 and moved to Mill Road in 1901

1977 02 10

Planners took a long hard look around Cambridge to see where development could best be accommodated. They soon dismissed Histon or Girton because they have relatively limited potential for longer-term growth. At Milton there is considerable opportunity for expansion within the new road framework. Both Bar Hill and Waterbeach possess characteristics suitable for growth, but Cottenham is less accessible to Cambridge. Growth of up to 4,000 might be contemplated in the Teversham-Fulbourn area and the same at Bottisham. To the south it would be possible to develop the Clay Farm area of Trumpington and the Shelfords but Sawston seems to have the greatest development potential

1977 08 23

Although it is a city which expects to attract two million overseas tourists this year, Cambridge has nowhere within its bounds where a visitor can pitch a tent. During the summer months the only welcome that Stanley Belcher, warden of the Camping Club site at Shelford, has been able to offer many visitors is a “site full” notice. There is an additional problem in turning campers away as planning regulations limit him to 60 pitches – about a quarter of an acre each. So when the site is full it certainly does not that way to foreign eyes accustomed to the cramped conditions of popular continental locations. It is ironic that Cambridge City Council needs no licence to jam tents in like sardines for the folk festival.

1977 09 08

A scheme for a superstore at Milton, which would create 200 local jobs, got the thumbs-down from the planners. It was proposed by the Associated Dairies group which had similar plans for the Scotsdale Garden Centre site at Gt Shelford rejected after a lengthy inquiry. Like that plan the Milton scheme ran into fierce opposition as soon as it was suggested. Local traders said it would push many of them into bankruptcy. Their business had already been affected by the Tesco superstore at Bar Hill

1978 06 06

Annie Norman moved back into the home she has lived in for 36 – but it was a different cottage to the one she left last October. The cottage at Church Street, Stapleford was one of two bought for £1 from Shelford Building Supplies by the Cambridgeshire Cottage Improvement Society. Now it has a bathroom and lavatory, new thatch, plaster and paint. “It’s fantastic now, previously there was only a lavatory at the bottom of the garden”, she said.

1978 10 10

The 600-ton Fenman express train, the fastest on the Cambridge run, smashed through the level crossing gates at Shelford. Luck meant that none of the hundreds of commuting motorists was on the spot and luck stopped the 11-coach train carrying about 400 passengers being derailed. Luck also saved crossing-keeper Fred Bond as the other gate wound itself round his line-side hut, splintering the woodwork, smashing every window – but leaving intact the horseshoe nailed above the door. It was the third time in nine years that a train had gone through the closed gates.

1978 10 11

British Rail seems rather attached to the traditional style level crossing gate. Each time one is smashed to pieces by a train at Great Shelford they replace it with a new one. The crossing is a traditional manned gate system – branded by a Government report in 1968 as a ‘creaking anachronism’. Since then there have been level crossing accidents at Shelford in January 1969 and October 1971, Longstanton, Whittlesey, Prickwillow and Brinkley Road crossing near Newmarket. The sight of BR workmen installing yet another manned gate at Gt Shelford has done little to allay the public’s fears of their safety.

1979 06 02

A huge blaze engulfed the RHM wheat silo at Great Shelford. Within minutes flames and dense black smoke was billowing high into the afternoon sky. The 50-year-old 60 feet tall building was entirely made of wood with just a corrugated iron shell & contained 1,000 tons of wheat. It took 30 firemen nearly an hour to bring it under control and prevent the fire spreading to the mill itself. Had it been of a metal construction it would have distorted and collapsed and it was the bulk of the timber which saved the building.

1982 12 20

Prince Regent, Lt Shelford, reopened – 82 12 20b

1983 05 27

Memories of the famous Crystal Palace exhibition of 1851 have been revived with the opening of Scotsdale Garden Centre's new premises at Shelford. It has much in common with spectacular Victorian conservatories, creating an illusion of gracious living. Bulldozers moved in just over a year ago to knock down greenhouses put up 60 years ago. Now it houses a complete range of garden equipment with palms and house plants offering the convenience of supermarket shopping. 83 05 27 p30

1983 12 24

If you find a BMX bike in your stocking you will be looking for somewhere to ride it. Cambridge has not had a proper track but now a Shelford businessman and a publican have joined together and a track at Stapleford is a distinct possibility. They are keen to hear from youngsters who will back the proposals and join a proper BMX club. 83 12 24 p7

1984 09 19

The Freestone bakery and grocery store founded 90 years ago has closed, the victim of progress and superstores. They are selling of the equipment which has provided bread for three generations of Great Shelford villagers. In one room a Victorian pine trough in which the founder, George Freestone, mixed his dough nestles next to an electric mixer bought in 1942. The original brick oven now houses its electric counterpart besides its predecessor, an oil-fired over that went out of use decades ago. At one time they delivered two to three loaves of bread a day to village homes, now it's just one small one. They can't compete with Sainsbury's and Tesco's. 84 09 19

1985 03 06

Cambridge's Sunday trading row could flare up again following a decision by the Co-op to resume opening at its Beehive Garden Centre. Two of its main competitors – Scotsdale at Shelford and Ansells at Horningsea - are in South Cambridgeshire where the district council had not so far taken action against them. The City council's policy is to respond to complains about Sunday trading some of which come from shop unions like Usdaw which fears that members could be exploited. However the Beehive staff get premium rates for their Sunday stint and the following day off. 85 03 06b

1985 11 02

People of Little Shelford and Harston have spent £3,000 to repair a magnificent obelisk which presides over open fields near Harston. However the man it commemorates appears to have left no mark in history. Gregory Wale died in 1739. He was a Justice of the Peace, Deputy Lieutenant, county treasurer and Conservator of the River Cam. The memorial says he lived an advocate for liberty, was an agreeable companion, faithful friend and a useful member of society. But it remains a mystery why such a splendid monument should be erected to so unremarkable a man 85 11 02

1986 07 07

Torch Computers of Gt Shelford has developed a revolutionary Triple X computer using the Unix-based computing system with a revolutionary 'Opentop' facility that allows more than one page to be seen at a time. Around the edges of the screen are a number of symbols called 'icons'. Using a control known as a 'mouse' the user can direct a floating arrow and by clicking the 'mouse' twice the

accounts package comes up on the screen. By then double-clicking the calculator icon it appears on top of the accounts. This is known as 'multi-tasking'. It means that for the first time one doesn't need programming knowledge to take advantage of the Unix system's benefits 86 07 07a

1987 01 10

What could be the oldest phone box in the county has gone on sale in Cambridge. The wooden box with leaded windows has been at the Cambridge & County Bowling Club for more than 50 years. But time has taken its toll and the phone has been moved inside the pavilion. The kiosk, which dates back to the 1930s, is on sale for £50 to anyone who could use a strange-looking shed or has a penchant for the past. (It was bought by a Gt Shelford newsagent who planned to restore it as a garden hut for his children.) 87 01 10 & 13b

1987 03 26

Chirpy market trader Bill Gray has gone to extreme lengths to keep his customers happy. He even skinned a rabbit for one person who stopped to buy some fruit and veg. His beaming smile and friendly small-talk has been a big boost for business. And the smile does not fade when the rain lashes down. Bill, of Gt Shelford, has been a familiar face during the past 31 years. But now he is calling it a day and will hand the business over to his son and daughter-in-law. But his regulars – who include the wife of the former Master of Trinity - will be pleased to know that he will still help out sometimes. 87 03 26

1987 06 25

Galewood Mansion, Hinton Way, Gt Shelford designed by William Flockhart 1908 – 87 06 25

1987 08 05

A group of enterprising skateboard fans have set up their own club and raised £800 (£1,840 today) to buy ramps to skate on. They have been loaned £400 by Townsends toy and cycle shop and have saved the rest. Now they are looking for new members to join the club which will be based on Heath Farm, Shelford Bottom. Charles Bradford, whose parents run the farm, said "There is nowhere in Cambridge for us to skate. We have even had to go to London to find somewhere". Membership will be £10 per year. 87 08 05a

1987 09 04

Plans by house-builder Bovis to build 33 homes for elderly people together with 55 large detached and 54 town houses on the Clay Farm site at Trumpington have attracted opposition from people anxious to keep a wedge of green land between Cambridge and the Shelfords. The site has been at the centre of controversy for some time with county planners saying it should be in the Green Belt. But the city wants to build hundreds of homes to solve a housing shortage 87 09 04

1987 09 04

Skateboarding is back! The old Skate Park at Cheddars Lane was awful, the transitions were bad and you could feel every bump. But Billy's Ramp Skate Club at Shelford Bottom is completely different allowing newer, better tricks practised by dedicated skateboarders determined to be 'rad' and not 'lame'. The right gear is a must. Outrageously decorated T-shirts, below-the-knee Bermuda shorts, baseball-style boots and the essential protective helmet, wrist-guards, knee and elbow pads are all hallmarks of a hip skateboarder. 87 09 04a

1988 07 05

Shopkeeper of the Year, Jerry Brown, took over the village store at Hinton Way, Gt Shelford, ten years ago and his outstanding service has been rewarded with continued custom. He provides a service supermarkets cannot give, selling everything from fresh bread to stationery, wine and even tins of snails. He belongs to Londis, opening every day – even Christmas Day if the newspapers publish. His customers say "It's a very sociable shop, he enjoys a joke and stimulating conversation" 88 07 05a & b

1989 08 12

Shelford Rugby Club pavilion damaged by fire – 89 08 12

1990 12 15

Uplands, Hinton Way, Gt Shelford – fire – 90 12 15a